


COUNTY OF YORK

MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 7, 2000 (BOS Mtg. 1/19/00)

TO: York County Board of Supervisors

FROM: Daniel M. Stuck, County Administrator 

SUBJECT: Yorktown Wharf-Area Transportation Enhancement Project

In 1999 the County applied for and received a \$550,000 Transportation Enhancement Program award for the Yorktown Wharf and Interpretive Area project. The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) requires that a Project Development and Administration Agreement be executed in order to formalize the terms of the award. VDOT has prepared the proposed standard form agreement for Enhancement Projects, which is essentially the same as the one under which the Riverwalk project is being constructed.

The Wharf-Area improvements project is described in the attached project summary. The Transportation Enhancement Program requires a minimum 20% local/80% federal funding breakdown for projects. In the case of the Wharf-Area improvements project, which has an estimated total cost of \$4.5 million, the local funding share will be far in excess of the required 20% minimum (even if this year's application for an additional \$950,000 in Enhancement funding is approved). In accordance with Enhancement Program guidelines, the agreement calls for the project (i.e.- the Wharf-Area improvements) to be completed within four (4) years of the date of execution. The Enhancement Program is designed to provide reimbursement for eligible project expenses. In the event the Board decides not to proceed with the Wharf Area improvements (e.g. – due to lack of funding or some other reason), there is no obligation to accept the grant award and it would be re-allocated by VDOT.

Design and engineering work for the Wharf Area project has already been funded from local revenues, so the Enhancement Program award will be able to be used exclusively for construction if and when it is authorized. That decision (i.e.- to move forward with construction) has yet to be made by the Board and is pending the outcome of discussions and negotiations between the Board and the Yorktown Trustees on the long term management/maintenance agreement for the Wharf area property, and also the availability of sufficient funding from the Tourism-designated lodging tax revenues.

Authorization and execution of the Project Development and Administration Agreement will allow the environmental compliance phase and other project prerequisites to be undertaken and coordinated/approved as necessary by the Virginia Department of Transportation and the Federal Highway Administration. The County Attorney has reviewed the proposed agreement and found it acceptable as to form. Accordingly, I recommend that Resolution No. R00-6 be adopted to authorize the execution of the agreement.

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Attachment: Project Summary
Resolution No. R00-6
